Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 at 02:36

Confidence: High for generally dull and wet conditions with low cloud over the next couple of days. Some uncertainty in timing of brighter weather on Saturday. High for unsettled conditions from Sunday onwards with rain and strong winds likely.

Headline for Thursday 10 Dec 2020: Extensive low cloud and patchy rain, turning heavy later. Strong winds at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Light rain	Dull	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	50%	50%	70%	70%

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Weather: A dull and cold day with low cloud and occasional rain or drizzle. The rain will become persistent and heavy for a few hours after dark. Strong winds with severe wind chill on the tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: Effectively nil chance. Extensive cloud cover above 300m expected throughout. Cloud perhaps lifting onto higher slopes for a time in the evening but summits remain shrouded.

Visibility: Very poor at height in low cloud. Navigational difficulties expected. Hazy below the cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	12/18 SE	18/26 S	22/31 S	23/33 S	25/37 S	26/38 S	20/28 S
300	6/12 SE	10/18 S	13/22 S	13/23 S	15/27 S	16/29 S	13/21 S
Valley	5/11 SE	9/17 S	12/21 S	11/21 S	14/26 S	14/26 S	11/19 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	4/1	5/0	5/0	4/-1	4/-2	5/-1	5/0
300	6/4	6/3	7/3	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/4
Valley	7/5	7/4	8/4	7/4	7/3	7/4	8/5
Freezing Level*	1600m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1700m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Winds will gust 50mph at times on the tops and ridges in the afternoon and evening with sudden gusts possible on lee slopes. Low cloud, damp conditions and strong winds combining to give a significant wind chill on the tops.

Forecast for Friday 11 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy and dull with outbreaks of rain or drizzle, falling as sleet on the high summits. Drier for time in the afternoon with perhaps a little brightness.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25mph gusts 35mph in early hours easing to 10-15mph in the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: 20%. Extensive cloud cover above 300 or 400m with patches on lower slopes. Bases lifting at times in the afternoon but summits remaining in the cloud.

Visibility: Very poor up in the cloud, often less than 100m. Generally hazy at lower levels.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5C rising to 7C.
At 700m: Plus 3 or 4C.
Freezing level: Just above the summits.

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